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N. Y. AFL-CIO leader Harry Van Arsdale, Jr., proudly accepts a Local 1-S plaque from Pres. Sam Kovenetsky for outstanding support in the recent negotiations.

Local 1-S Pays Tribute To Unionists Who Helped In Pact Negotiations

Local 1-S has paid a glowing tribute to the trade unionists who vitally aided us in our recent negotiations for a new contract with Macy's.

At a luncheon at Hotel New Yorker on April 25 Pres. Sam Kovenetsky, in behalf of the Union and its members, voiced heartfelt appreciation for the massive support evidenced by the city-wide labor demonstration on March 29, as well as the many pledges to back us up in the event a strike became necessary.

These examples of union solidarity, Pres. Kovenetsky told some 85 New York trade unionists, had been a tower of strength in negotiating with "one of the largest retail operations in the country." As a consequence, he assured his listeners that Local 1-S would be "there and ready" when called on to help any other union which needed help.

Local 1-S guests included many of the city's trade union leaders, as well as the Union Negotiating Committee and staff.

At the luncheon a film was shown of the March 29 demonstration and the dramatic membership meeting that evening at St. Nicholas Arena. Moe Rosen and James Quinn, Central Labor Council vice president and treasurer, respectively sat at the head table, together with vice presidents Phil Hoffstein and Bill Atkinson.

Highlight of the luncheon was the presentation of plaques expressing the appreciation of Local 1-S to five trade unionists who had made outstanding contributions.

These were Harry Van Arsdale, Jr., president of the N.Y.C. Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO; John O'Rourke, president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters' Joint Council 16 (New York area); Paul Hall, president of the Seafarers International Union; Joseph Cohn, vice president of the Butchers and Meatcutters International Union, and president of Local 400; and Charles Feinstein, vice president of the Pocketbook and Luggage Workers International Union. John Yarmola

accepted the plaque in behalf of Brother Hall who could not attend.

In accepting the plaques, brief addresses were made by the union leaders:

Harry Van Arsdale, Jr., paid tribute to the "usual, good job" which Local 1-S had done in its negotiations. Noting that the Teamsters had pledged that "nothing would go in or out of the Macy warehouse," if a strike had developed, the leader of New York organized labor, gave high praise for the "outstanding job" of the Teamsters.

Before concluding, Brother Van Arsdale referred to accusations some years ago that his Union, Local 3, was a monopoly. The court fight had dragged on for five years, he said.

"We all knew who the real monopolists were," he declared. "And now some of them," he said, referring to General Electric and Westinghouse executives who had been jailed on anti-trust and collusion charges, "and now, some of them have been caught."

He ended with an appeal to the assembled trade unionists to give the Central Labor Council program full support.

John O'Rourke, head of the Teamsters' Council in New York, in commenting on his union's vital aid to Local 1-S in the negotiations, said that he "didn't do anything unusual."

It is high time that labor realized its tremendous potential and acted to achieve it, Brother O'Rourke declared. He noted that the Teamsters were not affiliated with the AFL-CIO or the AFL-CIO Central Labor Council in New York. But he declared that he and the Teamsters Council took the position that "there was no question that Teamster support would be granted to trade unions in each and every bonafide dispute in labor management negotiations."

Joseph Cohn opened his remarks with the assertion that "the labor movement in New York should give Sam Kovenetsky a luncheon, and not the other way around." He explained that the Local 1-S president had provided the opportunity for the entire labor movement in the city to rally its forces, and demonstrate its strength.

Brother Cohn paid further tribute to President Kovenetsky for his candor and lack of egotism. "Ko-

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1-S Slates Raffle Contest For COPE and Scholarships

The Local 1-S corps of Executive Board members and shop stewards will soon be asking everybody, but everybody, to participate in a raffle contest to benefit COPE and set up one or more college scholarships for Union members and the children of members. The entire proceeds of the raffle will benefit these two Local 1-S programs.

Three handsome prizes will be awarded to the winners of the raffle. The drawing will take place at the Fall annual Shop Stewards conference although, of course, a person need not be present to win a prize.

First prize will be a 15-day trip to Mexico, with all transportation, hotel and tour expenses paid, or equivalent cash.

Second prize will be a weekend for two at a famous resort hotel in Atlantic City.

Third prize will be a matched set of either men's or women's luggage.

The donation for each ticket will be \$2.00.

Substituting for the annual COPE drive of past years, the raffle will not only underwrite the Union's political education program, but provide an entirely new service.

This is the granting of scholarships to the children of Local 1-S members to enable them to pursue studies of trade unionism in its contractual relations and as a factor in American life.

A distinguished committee of educators will be set up by Local 1-S to provide for the evaluation of entries.

Greater N. Y. Fund Kicks Off Drive To Aid Agencies

The Greater New York Fund, which helps support 425 community, health and service agencies in New York, has kicked off its 1961 campaign with an announced goal of \$11,000,000.

In a joint Local 1-S-Macy campaign for the Fund last year, a total of \$32,500 was raised.

At a luncheon at Hotel Commodore, Fund president Hermann Place told some 1300 voluntary workers that the demands upon the city's agencies were constantly increasing.

A special appeal was made for both workers and corporations to increase their gifts in the forthcoming campaign.

Chet Huntley, NBC television commentator, also spoke. He said that New York was a more rewarding place to live in because of the community services provided to New Yorkers by Fund-affiliated agencies.

Guests at the luncheon saw a moving 10-minute film narrated by Ronald Reagan. Entitled "The Hidden City," the film showed how children who are blind, crippled or deserted are aided through the support of donors to the Fund.

The Local 1-S-Macy's campaign this year will open in the early Fall.

Union Chalks Up Victory In Suburban Foods Vote

Local 1-S has been officially certified as collective bargaining representative of all fulltime salesmen for Suburban Foods.

The certification came after a 12-8 victory in an NLRB representation election ordered by the government agency. The victory climaxed organizing efforts and a long legal fight by Local 1-S which began last summer.

Results of the vote were announced following the vote at the office of the National Labor Relations Board at 745 Fifth Avenue on April 21. Official certification came 10 days later.

The new members of Local 1-S work for Suburban Foods, a sales agency for the Macy food-and-freezer plan, out of the company's Long Island and Westchester offices.

The salesmen, who will comprise their own bargaining unit, met at Union headquarters for a thorough briefing by Pres. Sam Kovenetsky, and to review proposals for negotiations with their employer. Union Administrator Charles Boyd participated in the discussions.

A set of demands was agreed

upon by the new members, and a negotiating committee consisting of Jack Rubin and Sam Bergman was elected, together with Pres. Kovenetsky.

Macy Withdraws A Warning

In an unusual action, Macy's has withdrawn a warning given to Emmett Gilliard, Silverware.

Brother Gilliard was criticized for unreliability because of seven illness absences on six occasions in a period of 26 weeks.

The basis for the warning was regarded as wholly unsatisfactory by the Union which requested arbitration in this case.

The company asserted that the removal of the warning was due to the fact that there had been no additional absences in the month between the warning and the request for arbitration, and that Brother Gilliard's case was borderline.

Company Reviews Job Review; Member Gets Raise and BJB-1

Mary Mentz, Art Supplies, learned to her surprise recently that she had been downgraded on "reliability" in her job review. Over the period of the year, she had been out ill on two occasions for a total of 28 days.

It didn't matter, it seemed, that her absence had been due to sickness: in one case, for a foot injury; in the other, for the "flu."

The company told her that she was dropped from BJB 1 to BJB 2, impairing her opportunities for promotion; and she was passed by for a job review wage increase.

Sister Mentz and shop steward Joe Cooper promptly filed a grievance.

"We protest the fact that Mrs. Mentz has been considered as out 28 times in a job review period when, for the record, it was only twice," they wrote in the grievance.

"We protest the fact that Mrs. Mentz has been penalized for being ill and/or incapacitated."

The department supervisor responded that "The rating which relates to reliability resulting from hospital illness is arrived at through a set formula."

This was patently untrue because the company has said repeatedly that it doesn't have a set formula in evaluating reliability.

The 5th Floor Committee, consisting of Jerry Harte, Irv Smooke and Marge Wilson, took the grievance to the next step and were told by Mr. Hecker that a factor in the job review was Sister Mentz' record over several years.

The floor committee answered that the job review was for the one-year period preceding. And, as a matter of fact, despite illness in previous years, Sister Mentz had received an excellent rating on reliability.

The committee further expressed the view that other people, with a similar record, would not have been downgraded. They concluded that the downgrading was merely a device to keep Sister Mentz from getting a better job and receiving an increase.

The Union view prevailed. In a few days, Mr. Hecker said that the rating "is being changed to excellent" on the basis of the record.

The result: Sister Mentz was reinstated in BJB 1 and received a retroactive \$3 pay boost.

Flatbush News

Thankfully, contract negotiations are over and strike jitters are something of the past. We know that we have won a fine contract and we hear these sentiments over and over again in speaking with fellow workers at Macy's Flatbush. We are thankful to our wonderful negotiators, especially the Flatbush representative, Dorothy Lichtenstein, for a wonderful job done. We know of the difficulties they met and conquered. We are proud of our union leadership. . . .

Although it is several weeks since our Canteen Party at the Elgante there is still much buzzing at the wonderful time enjoyed by all who attended. Great credit for the success of the dinner dance must go to the arrangements committee, which included Pat Anastasia, Rhoda Vlack, Dorothy McCrum, Dorothy Lichtenstein and Sam Wagner. . . .

Lee Goldstein, of Accessories, who left Macy's and has moved to California, was given a grand send-off party at Kee's Restaurant by a group of her co-workers. . . . A double celebration for Rhoda Vlack. The day after her son's wedding her daughter came home sporting a sparkler on her engagement finger. . . . Rita Yetman, of Corsets, is all smiles these days. Her daughter is about to graduate from college and is topping off with her engagement to become a bride soon. . . .

Two of our girls have joined the grandmother ranks. They are Rose Russo, of Cosmetics, and Marie McGuinness, of Service Desk. Congratulations, grannies. . . .

Our sick bay has quite a huge population these days and we hope they all return soon, hale and hearty. Those out sick are Ann Kilcullen, of Curtains and Drapes; Morris Fine, of Shoes, and Bertha Gladke. . . .

Now is the time to remind all and sundry that our contributions to the Blood Bank are due in May. Let's hope we have many volunteers this year. . . . Let's hear from you with your items for our wonderful union paper.

ROSE NAGLER

Executive Board Hears Reports On Varied Community Activities

Pres. Sam Kovenetsky told the Executive Board at its meeting on April 25 that Local 1-S could well say with pride that "we have arrived."

He cited this fact in terms of the tremendous support given the Union in the recent negotiations, and added, "Now it is up to us to live up to our name" in the city's labor movement. And he commented that political activity would be a key area in which Local 1-S should make a contribution.

As board chairman, Vice Pres. Phil Hoffstein presided at the meeting.

In the President's Report, Pres. Kovenetsky reviewed other important developments. He reported on the Union's luncheon to honor the trade unionists who had aided us

so effectively in winning a satisfactory contract. (See story on Page 1.)

He commented on the Union victory at Suburban Foods, and said that negotiations for the workers involved would begin shortly.

A pledge of \$1,000 to aid the Brooklyn Union Gas strikers was made, and he appealed to the Local 1-S board members to put their shoulders to the wheel to aid these TWU unionists. He praised the 1-S'ers in Flatbush for joining the TWU Local 101 unionists on the picketlines and raising funds for coffee and sandwiches for the strikers.

Contracts to renovate the Union headquarters were currently being drawn up, Pres. Kovenetsky reported. He anticipated that the

alterations, "which will practically make a new building out of this one" might begin in about two weeks. These changes, which will include a new facade, an elevator, and a complete reconstruction of the interior, would take about five months. In the meanwhile, Local 1-S will be seeking tenants for the upstairs floors "so the building can start paying for itself."

Following a report on the Union raffle contest by Jerry Harte, Fifth Floor, on behalf of the Activities and COPE committees, Pres. Kovenetsky described the raffle as a "first" in accomplishing gains both for the community and the Union. "It is important to build a good foundation, he said, for something we can anticipate in the years ahead."

Vice Pres. Hoffstein reported on the blood bank drive and the schedule of meetings to promote maximum donation of blood.

He said that the past year had been a good one for the Local 1-S—Macy blood bank. As a result, contributions of blood could be made to people with hemophilia and leukemia, and to indigent patients in the city hospitals.

Pres. Kovenetsky announced that the annual solicitation for the New York Cancer Committee would be held on May 2, 5 and 6. He appealed for the active participation of every Board member, and for contributions from every member.

The Board adopted a resolution to seek an improvement in the menu provided by the Macy cafeteria for employees. There have been repeated servings of macaroni and beef.

Jerry Harte, 5th Floor, reported for the Activities Committee that the Union tour to Europe and Israel was filled up. The group of Union tourists will leave on May 26. There are, however, a few openings left for the trip to Mexico, and would-be tourists are advised to contact Union Administrator Mildred Kaplonski in the Union office immediately if they want to go on the trip. Brother Harte also reported on the raffle.

Union Administrator Charles Boyd gave a review of the current status of labor and social legislation in Congress. He expressed disappointment over the failure of the House or Senate to move legislation of the kind and range favored by COPE. He referred particularly to the minimum wage bill, and noted the problems of obtaining approval of medical care for the aged, under social security.

The powerful lobbying of the American Medical Association, the retail federations and the Chamber of Commerce in opposition to progressive laws was reviewed. A key part of the problem was the loss of 21 liberal congressmen in the last election.

Pres. Kovenetsky reviewed job problems. He concentrated on two areas. The first was to watch for management efforts to skimp and scrounge "on the backs of our members" to save money. This was a characteristic follow-up by Macy's after negotiations, he said.

The second was the introduction by Macy's of a two-platoon schedule of work. Some members might welcome a work schedule which gave them Saturdays and evenings off, Pres. Kovenetsky said. But he warned that job security could be seriously undermined.

Rude Exec Gets Rude Awakening; Members Warrant Respect on Job

The meaning of dignity on the job, which Local 1-S has defined and expanded and fought for over the years, sometimes escapes the mentality of some executives. Sometimes that awareness of dignity is the sheerest matter of courtesy and common sense; but it requires Union action to make it stick.

Such a case was illustrated by a recent grievance in the Pillow Dept. which was signed by ten Local 1-S members.

The grievance expressed the resentment of the sales clerks against Mr. Stevens who (1) asked clerks to wait on more than one customer at a time, and (2) who blabbed in front of customers that the clerks were very discourteous.

In this particular case, the customer commented to another executive that Mr. Stevens was rude, and evinced a sympathetic attitude toward the sales clerks.

Mr. Stevens answered the grievance with an assertion that it was all right for a sales person both to acknowledge and to wait on a second customer at the same

time, "if the circumstances permit."

The executive agreed, however, that "It is not proper to criticize an employee in the presence of co-workers or customers."

Superintendent Hecker went a lot further, and this is what counted. Mr. Hecker noted, when the floor committee pressed the grievance at the next step, that it was proper to ask clerks to acknowledge waiting customers.

Mr. Hecker said nothing about waiting simultaneously on two customers, special circumstances or no special circumstances. It just can't be done. Sales people know it, and management knows it.

The floor superintendent did add the following comment: "Mr. Stevens was also directed by this office to use more tact when addressing anyone on the selling floor. There should be no re-occurrence of the problem."

'Nuff said!

The floor committee consisted of Dave Greenberg, Joe Barese and Jim De Prossino.

Company Re-Training Program For Displaced 1-S'ers Begins

The agenda for the company's many re-training programs for office division workers displaced by the introduction of automation has been completed, Vice Pres. Hoffstein reported at the Exec Board meeting on April 25.

He also declared that fewer people than expected were being displaced by the new data computing installation on the Floor. Considered on the basis of seniority and earnings, the vast majority of the workers affected will lose

nothing, he said. "A very few will suffer and a very few will find out that a program will work out very well, he stated.

Vice Pres. Hoffstein said that interviews for jobs were currently being conducted by Macy's.

"Union Administrator Mildred Kaplonski and I have been very sure that layoffs are restricted to people with less than a year's seniority," he said. "Severance pay will be obtained for those who don't wish to change jobs."

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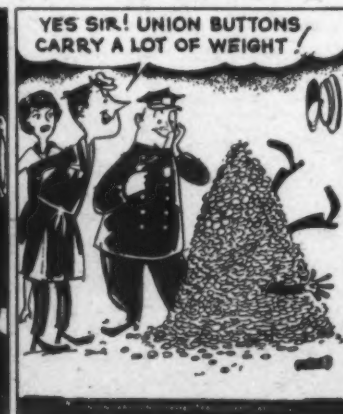
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Worth Talking About

BY PRESIDENT SAM KOVENETSKY

During the past week, the 100th day of the Kennedy Administration passed and went into history. It was the President himself who, during the campaign, suggested that this period would be a critical one. As a result, many have commented on the pros and cons, I should like to do the same.

I do not plan to make a full critique of the many issues before us; in the space of a single column, therefore, I would like to pass along a few thoughts on some issues of direct concern to working people.

Of the five Administration anti-recession measures, three have been approved by Congress and sent to the White House. These were the \$394,000,000 depressed area bill; the bill to extend emergency aid to dependent children of jobless; and the bill passed some time ago calling for temporary extension of unemployment benefits.

The two remaining bills on Pres. Kennedy's priority list are an improved wage law, with extended coverage, and the improvement of social security benefits.

A Senate-House conference committee has approved a minimum wage bill with many of the advantages of the better Senate bill.

A social security bill has been passed by the House which would increase widows' benefits by 10 per cent, set a minimum social security benefit of \$40, and permit men to retire, at reduced benefits, at age 62.

You may have been wondering what ever happened to proposed laws for medical care for the elderly, under social security. There have been rumors in the newspapers that no such legislation would be proposed in this session of Congress.

Sen. Clinton P. Anderson (D-N. M.) has made it clear that the Administration and the Congressional supporters of such medical care will "move forward to achieve a program that grows more urgently needed with each passing day."

Sen. Anderson is the co-sponsor of the Anderson-King bill which would place the financing of some hospital, nursing home and in-home care for the aged under social security. There would be no such humiliating "means test" as exists in the Kerr-Mills bill, which passed last year.

Obviously, the retiring members of Local I-S would be benefitted by the Anderson-King bill. Although they may retain hospital coverage by converting their Blue Cross, social security coverage of nursing home and at-home care would benefit many.

Most older persons have a low income. Three out of five receive less than \$1,000 income a year. The average old-age benefit today is only \$74 a month.

One of the great tragedies of our society is that too many older people have to skip necessary medical care because they can't afford it. This is a terrible thing, if you spend a minute to think about it. Let you and I know it happens every day.

There is much talk among doctors that the U. S. has the finest medical care in the world. As a general thing, this may be perfectly true. But if you can't afford to take advantage of it, you might just as well live in one of the backward areas of the world.

It is often these same doctors who become the most superstitious "medicine men" when they talk about Federal aid for medical care. They bandy about phrases like "socialized medicine." Back in 1936, they said that social security was socialism. They said that pre-paid medical insurance programs, like Blue Cross, were socialism. They are saying the same thing about the Anderson-King bill.

This is simply not true. It is not true today, just as it was not true then.

The Anderson-King bill states plainly, "Nothing in this legislation shall permit the federal government to tamper with hospital administration or with the practice of medicine."

But the American Medical Association goes on with its propaganda, acting like a trade association of shrewd little businessmen, instead of a professional association of physicians who once took an ancient Greek oath of service.

Today, we live in an extraordinary world. The world opens before us, if we but had the vision, a future of abundance for all people, of science learning the secrets of the universe and stretching out into space. We are the greatest, most powerful nation on earth.

And yet we seem to be pulled down constantly by paltry little men who cry "socialism" when our aged need federal aid to pay for medical treatment, who cry "bankruptcy" when a \$1.25 wage minimum is sought, who find reasons for "cautious optimism" about our economy while 300 American cities are plagued by over 6 per cent unemployment.

To meet the problem of unemployment, we clearly need a major public works program—which will simultaneously achieve vital social objectives. The country has plenty of resources; in the present situation, the federal government must take the lead.

The 100 days have come and gone. The nation faces grave problems, here and abroad. I say that we will not solve them, if we depend on the makeshifts of past years.

The average worker may say, "But what can I do? I am one of the little guys. Let the people in Washington run things."

The fact is that our representatives in Washington are supposed to represent us. They can't always do that so well if we don't let them hear from us every once in a while.

In an adjoining column is a listing of our Representatives and Senators in Congress. Let them hear from you. Tell them for one thing, if you will, that our nation's older people need full medical care as a matter of right.

Tent City—a Home of the Brave For Negroes Who 'Dared' to Vote

You wouldn't think that a person would have to live in the mud, in a tent instead of a house, and see your children cold and hungry in order to have the right

to vote in the United States of 1961.

Yet that is the story of "Tent City, Home of the Brave" as recounted in a pamphlet published

by the AFL-CIO Industrial Union Dept. The pamphlet describes in moving terms the fight of Negroes in Moscow, Tenn., for their constitutional right to vote.

The nation was shocked when it first heard of how scores of Negro families were evicted from their sharecropper shacks on Fayette County plantations in Tennessee in the winter of 1960 because they had dared to register and vote on Election Day.

It was further shocked when many of the 345 evicted families were unable to find shelter and had to set up as best they could a "tent city" on the farm of a Negro who sought to help them. That "tent city" still exists. The tents have floors in them now. The holes that bullets made in some of them have been mended. Food furnished by sympathetic groups throughout the country, including many union locals, is now distributed. And a 400-acre farm has been bought on which some of the evicted will be located.

Yet the story is still a bitter and unfinished one.

As told by labor reporter Eugene Kelley, in a report to the *United Packinghouse Worker* from which "Tent City" was written, the right of Negroes to vote in Fayette County is far from assured. Even the right of Negroes to buy food, gasoline and other necessities of life in a part of the country in which they have lived for generations is under attack.

The Department of Justice has brought charges against 155 white persons accusing them of threatening or punishing Negroes because they sought the right to vote. Most of the defendants have declared that the Negroes were evicted only because of farm mechanization, but Kelly reports that the claims do not fit into what actually happened. The farms in question do not lend themselves to mechanization. The punishment of eviction fell almost entirely on those Negroes who sought to vote. Some of them were bluntly told that by seeking to vote "they had done wrong" and must be punished.

American labor has shown much interest in the case. The AFL-CIO Executive Council voted a \$2,000 contribution to aid the evicted families. Affiliated unions have made either cash contributions or have sent food and clothing.

"Tent City dwellers have performed a great act of courage," wrote UAW Pres. Walter P. Reuther in a foreword to the pamphlet. "Out of their deep belief in the worth of every man, they have ranged themselves firmly on the side of democracy. Their faith and the dignity of their act are testament to the integrity of the American dream." PAI

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AFL-CIO '61 Camp Program To Top Record of Service

Over 750 children of N.Y.C. trade unionists, who would otherwise not have the chance to go to a summer camp, will enjoy a two-week vacation in the country this year, under the auspices of the N.Y.C. AFL-CIO Camp Committee. Pres. Sam Kovenetsky is chairman of the group.

Some 66 children of Local I-S members are slated to go away this Summer, also topping last year's figure.

In a new development in this program, a community group outside the labor movement has come to the AFL-CIO Camp Committee for its cooperation. The principal and parent-teacher-association

of P.S. 90 in Manhattan jointly requested that some of the school kids be given the opportunity to go to camp under the labor program. It is expected that facilities will be provided for 30 of the school youngsters.

Brooklyn Gas Strikers Accept New Contract

Members of Transport Workers' Local 101, who were on strike against the Brooklyn Union Gas Co., have reached agreement with the company and gone back to work.

The TWU unionists, on strike for over a month, have been aided by Local I-S.



BEAUTIFUL Carol Plumb, of Little Shop, was Local I-S candidate and a finalist in the Union Maid Contest sponsored by N.Y.C. Union Label Trades. We'll have her story in the next issue of "Local I-S News." She is shown above with Union Administrator Frank Milza at the finals of the contest at Hotel Vanderbilt.



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JOHN O'ROURKE, N. Y. Teamsters' head, receives his plaque for 'valuable aid.'



BUTCHERS' LEADER Joseph Cohn smilingly accepts his award.



JOHN YARMOLA accepts a plaque for Seafarers' Pres. Paul Hall.



LUGGAGE WORKERS' Charles Feinstein receives congratulations of Pres. Kovenetsky.

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venetsky was willing to come to a brother union, and say, 'We've got a problem,' and explore realistically how mutual aid among New York trade unions can be accomplished."

The Butcher and Meatcutter leader repeated a theme which was echoed throughout the luncheon. This was that great gains for the city's working people, and the community as a whole, could be accomplished, if the trade unions unified their full strength and resources.

Charles Feinstein voiced the opinion that he, and many other labor people, had been impressed by the historic labor demonstration in front of Macy's on March 29, as an example of New York labor banding together.

Understating his own valuable assistance in the recent Local 1-S negotiations, he recalled the time he had come to Local 1-S for aid some years ago.

The first door that was open to him was that of Local 1-S, he recalled, and quoted Pres. Kovenetsky as saying at that time, "whatever we can do, we will."

This was the stuff of which union solidarity, and the welfare of working people, was made, the Luggage workers' leader declared.

John Yarmola, speaking in behalf of Seafarers' Pres. Paul Hall, described Pres. Kovenetsky as a "close friend" of the seamen's union. "He can ask for anything," declared Brother Yarmola, and cited his union's sense of unity with the entire labor movement.

Among the other top labor leaders who attended the luncheon, in addition to the speakers, were Fred Ammond, Retail Clerks' District 20; Bernard Adelstein, Teamsters

Local 813; Harry Avrutin, N. Y. Union Label and Service Trades; William Bowe, Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters; Ben Cohan, Office Employees' Local 153; John Corcoran, Uniformed Fire Officers; Francis Golden, Hotel Trades Council; Mae Healy, Electrical Workers' Local 1005; Philip Lubliner, Pocketbook Workers; William McCoffery, Marine and Shipbuilders; William Michaelson, Nick Carnes and Frank Brown of RWDSU District 65; and John Mahoney, United Parcel Teamsters' Local 804.

Also Nathaniel Minkoff, ILGWU Dress Joint Council; Nick Mulle, ILGWU Local 99; Sam Myers,

UAW Local 259; Martin Rarback, Painters; Sebastian J. Rebaldo, Optical Workers; Adolph Rosenbaum, Barbers; Gerald Ryan, United Firemen's Association Local 94; Michael Sampson, Utility Workers; Anthony Scotto, Maritime Port Council; Hilda Siff, Community and Social Agency Employees; Al Stearn, IUE Local 431; Nathaniel Spector, Millinery Workers; James Trenz, IUE Local 463; Joseph Tuvim, ILGWU Local 142; Ellis Van Ruyper and Daniel Gilmartin of Transport Workers' Local 100; Andy Varone, Brushmakers' Local 303; and Jerry Wurf, State, County and Municipal Workers District 37.

Labor Messages Applaud Victory in Negotiations

Among the messages received by Pres. Sam Kovenetsky on the occasion of the Local 1-S victory luncheon on April 25 were the following:

From Charles S. Zimmerman, general manager of the ILGWU Dressmakers' Joint Council: "I can assure you that we will always cooperate with you in any struggle that you may have to get a better standard of living for your workers. I know that you would do the same for any union that needs your assistance."

From Matthew Guinan, president of Local 100, Transport Workers Union: "The officers and staff of Local 100 extend to you their congratulations and very best wishes on this happy occasion."

From Louis Hollander, general manager of the ACWA New York Joint Board: "I want to take this

opportunity on behalf of the New York Joint Board, as well as my own, to extend our heartfelt congratulations to you and your organization for a splendid victory achieved at Macy's."

From Peter Brennan, president, Building and Construction Trades Council: "I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you, your officers and members on winning a satisfactory settlement and new agreement."

From Shelley Appleton, manager of ILGWU Local 23: "Congratulations on the magnificent settlement Local 1-S was able to achieve with Macy's. We are very proud that, in a very small way, we were able to contribute to the achievement of Local 1-S' victory. You have our assurance that, if a similar effort is ever required in the future, we will once again be proud to take our stand at your side."

Do Your Share To Aid Your Blood Bank!

The Local 1-S—Macy Blood Bank is the finest in the country. It stands ready at all times to provide whatever blood may be needed by you or the immediate members of your family, in case of need.

All Local 1-S members, between the ages of 18 and 59, and in good health, are cordially invited to contribute a pint of blood.

Remember: it doesn't hurt, and you'll be providing for yourself and your family, as well as your fellow Union members.

Make sure you have pledged to make your contribution, according to the following schedule:

Donation Days

Herald Square — May 16, 17, 19 and 20	
Flatbush — May 15	White Plains — May 15
Parkchester — May 15	Jamaica — May 19

PERSONALS

APARTMENT TO SHARE—Will share 3-room elevator apartment in nice neighborhood. Located in upper Manhattan near 7th and 8th Ave. subways. Middle aged business woman preferred. Call WI 2-0043 any night except Monday.

FOR RENT—3-room furnished apartment in Flatbush. Completely furnished. Near all transportation. Reasonable. Call FI 3-4232 anytime.

FOR SALE—Storkline crib and mattress. Atlas folding carriage and mattress. Playpen. All like new, all in excellent condition. Call CL 9-3637 after 5:30 P.M.

FOR SALE—Walnut dinette set, with 4 chairs and buffet. Also American oriental 9'x12' rug, draperies, cornices. Call NI 5-1221 after 6:00 P.M.

FOR SALE—Kitchen table and four chairs. Formica top, practically new. \$35. Call AP 7-6624 mornings or evenings after 9:00 P.M.

MEDICAL PLAN—For the name and address of the doctor, dentist, optometrist or podiatrist nearest you CALL the Union Office—WA 4-4540 or Associated Physicians Medical Group—BU 8-4210 (Night or Day) when the Union Office is closed. Complete schedule of fees available upon request.

Full information on benefits and regulations can be obtained from the health plan consultant at the union. Members are also asked to remind their doctors that all claim forms must be returned to the Local 1-S office.

BLOOD BANK—If you need blood from the Blood Bank CALL the Union Office—WA 4-4540.



OVERALL VIEW OF LUNCHEON in New Yorker Hotel shows some of the many unionists who helped us win a satisfactory contract.

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